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EF-3747 (Edward J. Fanning, Jr., Esq.)

LAWRENCE SELINGER and EMILIA SELINGER, his SPOUSE,

Plaintiffs,

-VS-

ZIMMER INC, ABC CORPORATIONS (1-10), JOHN DOE and MARY ROE (1-10), fictitious names, persons intended being of unknown names,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Civil Action No.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

# TO: THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Defendant Zimmer, Inc. ("Zimmer"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446, notifies the Court of the removal of the above-captioned cause of action from the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County in which it is now pending. In support of this Notice of Removal, Zimmer states:

1. On or about October 11, 2007, Plaintiffs filed a Complaint with Jury

Demand ("Complaint") in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County,

captioned Lawrence Selinger and Emilia Selinger, his Spouse, Plaintiffs v. Zimmer Inc, ABC

Corporations (1-10), John Doe and Mary Roe (1-10), fictitious names, persons intended being of

unknown names, Defendants, Docket No. OCN L-3421-07. The Summons and Complaint were served on Zimmer on October 30, 2007. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process and pleadings served upon Zimmer in the Superior Court are attached hereto as Exhibit A (Summons and Complaint). There were no other process, pleadings or orders served upon, or otherwise received by, the defendant herein.

- 2. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after the simultaneous service of the Complaint and Summons on Zimmer and, therefore, is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 3. Plaintiffs Lawrence Selinger and Emilia Selinger are, on information and belief, citizens of the State of New Jersey. (Complaint.)
- 4. Zimmer is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Warsaw, Indiana.
- 5. ABC Corporations (1-10) and John Doe and Mary Roe (1-10) are fictitious parties whose citizenship is irrelevant to the determination of subject matter jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) ("For purposes of removal under this chapter, the citizenship of defendants sued under fictitious names shall be disregarded.").
- 6. This is a medical implant product liability action in which Plaintiffs allege that they were injured as a result of a product allegedly manufactured by Zimmer. Plaintiff Lawrence Selinger alleges that he suffered "pain, discomfort, loss of mobility, loss of enjoyment of life, and economic and pecuniary loss." (Complaint, First Count, ¶4.) Plaintiff Emilia Selinger also claims damages for loss of consortium. (Complaint, Fourth Count, ¶3.) Plaintiffs seek punitive damages, interests, and costs of suit. (Complaint, Second and Third Counts, Prayer.) Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages as the court deems proper. (Complaint, First and Fourth

Counts, Prayer.) The amount in controversy, therefore, exceeds Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), exclusive of interest and costs.

- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, this Court has original jurisdiction over this 7. action by reason of diversity of citizenship and an amount in controversy which exceeds the sum or value of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs.
- This action may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) 8. which allows for the removal of any civil action brought in a State court of which the District Courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending.
- Zimmer has provided notice of the removal of this action to Plaintiffs and 9. to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County, by filing a "Notice to Clerk of Superior Court of Filing of Notice of Removal" together with a copy of this "Notice of Removal", in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County, and by serving copies of the same on Plaintiffs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Zimmer respectfully requests this action be removed to this Court.

DATED: November 27, 2007

McCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP

s/ Edward J. Fanning, Jr.

By: Edward J. Fanning, Jr., Esq.

A Member of the Firm

ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT ZIMMER, INC.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal of Action was served on the following counsel of record by first-class mail, postage prepaid:

Dennis A. Drazin DRAZIN AND WARSHAW, ESQS. 25 Reckless Place Red Bank, NJ 07701

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MONMOUTH

COUNTY

**DOCKET NO.: OCN-L-3421-07** 

Civil Action

SUMMONS

From the State of New Jersey, To The Defendant(s) Named Above:

#### ZIMMER, INC.

The plaintiff, named above, has filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The complaint attached to this summons states the basis for this lawsuit. If you dispute this complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the deputy clerk of the Superior Court in the country listed above within 35 days from the date you received this summons, not comming the date you received it. (The address of each deputy clerk of the Superior Court is provided.) If the complaint is one in foreclosure, then you must file your written answer or motion and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, NJ 08625. A "filing fee psyable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your enswer or motion to plaintiffs attorney whose name and address appear above, or to plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within 35 days, the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. If judgment is entered against you, the Shexiff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: OCEAN COUNTY
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CIVIL ACTION

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COMPLAINT WITH JURY DEMAND

ZIMMER INC, ABC:
CORPORATIONS (1-10), JOHN:
DOE and MARY ROE
(1-10), fictitious names, persons
intended being of unknown names,

Defendant

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Plaintiffs, Lawrence Selinger and Emilia Selinger, residing at 4 Twilight Drive, Brick, New Iersey, by way of Complaint against the defendant, state:

#### FIRST COUNT

- 1. Defendant Zimmer Inc. and ABC Corporations (1-10), were engaged in the design, manufacture, sale, and distribution of knew replacement systems, including the particular system and components specified in Paragraph 2, below.
- 2. On August 9, 2004, the plaintiff underwent right total knee replacement surgery performed by Alfred Tria, M.D. at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, during which Dr. Tria implanted a knee replacement system designed, manufactured, sold, and distributed by the defendants, made up of the following specific components:

Stemmed Tibial Component, Size 7, Product Code 5980-57-01, Lot 60148240;

Fernoral Component, Product Code 5964-15-02, Lot 60141745;

LPS-Flex Articular Surface Size B F 10mm height Product Code 1960-51-10, Lot 60005138;

All Ploy Patella Standard Size 32mm dia. 8.5mm thickness, Product Code 5972-65-32,Lot 60166060;

Zimmer Bone Cement Dough-Type Radiopaque, 40 G Polymer Powder/20cc Monomer Liquid, Product Code 1102-12, Lot 60175364.

- 3. The knee replacement system and components described in Paragraph 2, above, was not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its intended purpose because it: a. deviated from the design specifications, formulae, or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae, or b. failed to contain adequate warnings or instructions, or c. was designed in a defective manner.
- 4. As a proximate result of the defect or defects in the knee replacement system and components described in Paragraph 2, above, the plaintiff suffered pain, discomfort, loss of mobility, loss of enjoyment of life, and economic and pecuniary loss, and ultimately had to undergo additional lose surgery on September 12, 2006 and other procedures and modes of treatment.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Zimmer Inc. and ABC Corporations (1-10) for compensatory damages, interests, and costs of suit.

### SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiff repeats the allegations of Count 1, Paragraphs 1 through 4.
- 2. The harm suffered by the Plaintiff was the result of the product manufacturer's or seller's acts or omissions, and such acts or omissions were actuated by actual malice or accompanied by a wanton and willful disregard of the safety of product users, consumers, or others who foreseeably might be harmed by the product by inappropriately and misleadingly promoting

the product.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Zimmer Inc. and ABC Corporations (1-10) for punitive damages, interests, and costs of suit.

#### THIRD COUNT

- 1. Plaintiff repeats the allegations of Count 1, Paragraphs 1 through 4.
- The harm suffered by the Plaintiff was the result of the product manufacturer's or seller's acts or omissions, and such acts or omissions were actuated by actual malice or accompanied by a wanton and willful disregard of the safety of product users, consumers, or others who foreseeably might be harmed by the product by inappropriately and misleadingly promoting the product by concealing known defects in the product.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff demands judgment against defendant Zimmer Inc. and ABC Corporations (1-10) for punitive damages, interests, and costs of suit.

#### FOURTH COUNT

- 1. Plaintiff Emilia Selinger repeats the allegations of Count 1, Paragraphs 1 through 4.
- 2. Emilia Selinger was at all times mentioned herein and is comently the lawful wife of Plaintiff.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants as set forth above and of the injuries and damages suffered by her husband, Mrs. Selinger suffered and will continue to suffer the loss of care, services, and consortium of her husband.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff Emilia Selinger demands judgment against defendant Zimmer Inc.
and ABC Corporations (1-10) for compensatory damages, interests, and costs of suit.

#### JURY DEMAND

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues.

### TRIAL COUNSEL DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Rule 4:25-5, trial counsel in the within matter is DENNIS A. DRAZIN.

# CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to R.4:5-1, it is hereby stated that the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any

other court or of a pending arbitration proceeding to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Also, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, no other action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated. Further,

other than the parties set forth in this pleading. I know of no other parties that should be joined in the above action.

In addition, I recognize the continuing obligation of each party to file and serve on all parties and the Court an Amended Certification if there is a change in the facts stated in this original Certification.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I understand that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are wilfully false, I am subject to punishment.

DRAZIN & WARSHAW Attorneys for Plaintiff

DENNIS A. DRAZIN

Dated: October 5, 2007

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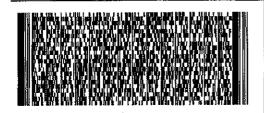
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